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For : A CAMERA SYSTEM HAVING A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
BETWEEN A CAMERA BODY AND A PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 24 of the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amendment is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

91 Figure 19B is a timing chart for a handshake operation performed between the camera body and the photographing lens at the commencement of the new-type communication process;